**Anaphylaxis Interview Questions**

School Nurse; Nashaminy School District, PA Summer 2014

1. What is your policy with regard to nuts (peanut and tree nuts) in your schools?

* Nut free district?
* Nut free school(s)?
* Nut free classroom(s)?
* Nut free table(s) in the lunchroom?
* (And if policy is written, can you send a copy or direct to a copy?)

*No peanut products/nuts served in district. But we do not exclude students from bringing. Doesn’t know how long that’s been the case, she has been there since 2007.*

1. What is your policy with regard to serving nuts/nut products by your school or district food service?

* No use or serve nuts/products by food service?
* No serve peanut butter by food service?
* No serve of pre-packaged PB&J sandwiches?

*None of the above, she was unaware district uses sun butter.*

1. If you have a policy of limiting nuts, how and why was this decision made?
   * How is this limitation enforced?
   * What type/amount of training has been needed to enforce the policy?
   * What has been the school nurse role with enforcement?

*She had to do an assessment of the school when she first came. She called each parent. Most students with a Life Threatening Allergy do not sit at peanut free table but some do. It is very individual. The students who are being disciplined sit with the students who need a nut free table so it tends to be a vacant table. There is resistance in washing hands after lunch in individual classes but we “police” if there is a 504 in place that specifies it.*

1. What about actual practices in your district/school(s)/classroom(s)?
   * How common are 504 for food allergic students and what is school nurse involvement in those 504’s?

*Nurse does IHP or ECP “if” needed. They may add accommodations. It is rare to have 504’s as they don’t formally offer. The nurses are not too involved for peanut free classrooms. The parents bring safe snack. Normally the teachers write their own class letters if needed but if requested the nurse has two different versions to offer. It is hard when there are atypical events like field trips and then there are more problems. She has one school, 700 students. Most school nurses in district have 2 schools.*

1. What has been the impact of policy?

* On gluten-free students
* On vegetarian students
* On F&R meal students

1. What alternatives to peanut butter has your district/school implemented?

*May use sunbutter???*

1. What feedback have you received regarding this issue?

* From students?
* From parents/families?
* From community members/groups?

*Does hear some complaints, parents of picky eaters, may come up with their child being in a peanut free school. Was big issue at HS for cooking classes, lots of resistance from the teachers. Can be a stressor for parents and for celebrations. Cafeteria is purchasing foods then they find manufacturer not safe. Some loop holes.*

1. Has this reduced the number of allergic reactions in school? Is your answer backed by statistics or is it anecdotal?

*Not many reactions, so not sure*

*Worked in the high schools previously, closed campus, rare to have a peanut free table in cafeteria, eat in classrooms. May have peanut free desk, never had reactions.*

1. What do you think has gone well with implementing your policy and what would you like to have changed with implementation if you had that ability?

*No written policy, handled different in different buildings.*